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Re: Pressing the case against Microsoft

- > After careful review, the proposed settlements
- > fall far short of restoring competition and innovation
- > to the computer software industry so important
- > to California and our nation.

The settlement doesn't require careful review because it is impossible that Microsoft would agree to something that's truly effective. The settlement is a failure in the most abstract because it does not remove Microsoft's control of the OS API. By scrutinizing the settlement you legitimize the insanity that behavioral remedies is an acceptable substitute for ending the hegemony. Anyone serious about modifying corporate behavior for public benefit knows that the micromanagement approach will accomplish little else than damage the argument for regulation - exactly the secret result that many want from this case. The simple fact is that the government must guide industry or it runs off the track. It's happening in PC software & hardware, it's happening in energy, it's happening in military, it's happening in ag/food, it happened in banking, it's happening in pharma, it's happening in biotech, duh, it's happening everywhere.

PC software - M\$ junk technology, hijacking of interoperability
PC hardware - Intel stifling paradigm shifts, e.g. RISC
Energy - paradigm shift to renewables hijacked by oil interests
Military - Air Force pilot pride hijacking paradigm shift to drones
Ag/Food - refined food creates diseases of affluence
Banking - savings & loan debacle of 1980s
Pharma - bandaids instead of preventative medicine
Biotech - Frankenfoods